

**Lancaster Chamber/Consortium Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2020 @ 7:30 a.m.
University Room, Gordinier**

Good morning, everyone! On behalf of our 8,000 students and nearly 1,000 faculty and staff, welcome to Millersville University. It is an honor to host the Lancaster Chamber's Annual Breakfast of this Consortium.

Kindly raise your hand if you are an alum of Millersville University; if a member of your family is an alum or if your organization employees any Marauders? Thank you.

With over 68-thousand living alumni and nearly 20-thousand here in Lancaster County, we know our

graduates are contributors to our local workforce and engaged in our community.

As a member of The Chamber's Board of Directors, I am excited to hear about how your Strategic Plan is guiding the accomplishments of this consortium. I am also eager to learn more about the goals and objectives that will be shared to help our community thrive.

Now forgive me for being biased, but we know that our University plays a key role in the Lancaster business community — especially as we discuss workforce development. For example, at last month's Legislative Issues Breakfast, most of our elected officials

mentioned workforce development as *the* ONE number issue for 2020.

Since last year, we have developed several new academic programs in partnership with our local industries. Among them are bachelor's degree programs in Advanced Manufacturing Engineering, Population Health and Entertainment Technology. These programs are designed to meet the needs of the labor force in Central Pennsylvania and particularly in Lancaster County. We will continue this partnership by continuous evaluation of our academic programs. Ultimately, our goal is for our graduates to be lifelong learners, who

will be able to adapt to the changing needs of industries and businesses.

Speaking of business, I would be remised if I didn't mention the launching of our new College of Business.

Established July 1 of last year, our goal is for graduates of this college to have a strong foundation in liberal arts and expert skills in the business specialties. Examples of required courses are business ethics and leadership. We welcome your involvement with this College by providing internships for the students and ultimately preparing them to become your future employees. Our faculty will also be available to providing consulting

services whenever possible. Stay tuned for more news on this college.

In closing, thank you for your investment in The Chamber and your participation today.

If there are plans or goals you are excited about, please let me know.

If there is something in today's presentation you are not sure about, you can call Tom.

But seriously, thank you for attending this breakfast this morning.